FISCAL NOTE

SB 2686 - HB 2970

March 25, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that every person brought before any court of competent jurisdiction on a misdemeanor charge shall be assessed, in addition to all other costs, a county expense fee of \$25. The fee shall not be assessed when the defendant is acquitted by trial or the charges are dismissed without costs. Currently, the county expense fee is \$5.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$1,000,000/Permissive

Estimate assumes, for counties that choose to raise the fee an additional \$20, there will be a significant increase in local government revenues.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director